



Leonard Robert Barks

January 11, 1944 - October 26, 2025

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Leonard passed at Bayfront Hospital on October 26th, 2025, in St. Petersburg, Florida at the age of 81. Leonard is survived by his two sons Jeffrey (Terri) Barks, South Rockwood, Michigan, and Christopher Barks (Jennifer Wall), Brighton, Michigan, his sister Barbara (Paul) Pomeroy, his niece Janel Sauder and his two brother-in-laws Stephen Hubbard, Michael (Sharon) Hubbard. He was preceded in death by his parents Leonard and Ruth Barks, and his loving wife of 45 years, Carolyn S. Barks. He had nine grand children, Kayla Wright, Samantha Hubbard, Jessica (James) Martin, Jeffrey Barks, Kody Barks, Konnor Barks, Jenna Barks, Austin Calhoun, and Alicia Calhoun. Leonard had ten great grand children Shantel Wright, Janessa Wright, Breyanna Wright, Carter Wright, Gregory Hubbard, Patrick Hubbard, Avary Barks, Mateo Barks, Jaxxon Martin, and Carson Martin.

Leonard was born on January 11th , 1944, in Gordo, Alabama to Leonard and Ruth

Barks. The family moved from Alabama to Michigan in 1952. He graduated from Livonia

Bentley high school, in 1962. Shortly after, he enlisted in the United States Navy and

was honorably discharged in 1966. He worked for the General Motors Company for 30

years and in 2010, retired to the St. Petersburg area.

He loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, and cruising around in his Mustang convertible.

He also loved to travel with Carole to places like Hawaii, the Caribbean and Mexico!

However, nothing could surpass his love for his family and friends. His famous line was

“I am the coolest Papa to some amazing kids”!

All will sorely miss his infectious smile, jovial laugh and joking spirit!

A memorial service will be held at a later date for friends and family in Michigan to

celebrate his life.

Tribute Wall



“ Leonard, my first cousin, was a bit older than me and my brothers. He was always very kind and laughed a lot. His parents were my favorite Aunt and Uncle. He had a way of speaking gently and being friendly to all. My heart grieves with family being gone but never forgotten.

Karen Strickland McCracken

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